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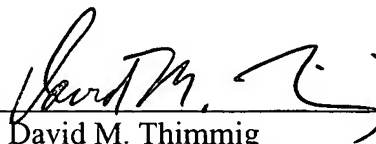
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for the above-identified patent application are:

1. Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Form PTO 1449 with copies of documents listed therein; and
3. Postcard acknowledging receipt of same.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the references listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the issuance of a first Office Action, and therefore no fee is due.

Enclosed are copies of three U.S. Patents and two German patents with abstract translations thereto and two pages of folding stages advertisements are listed on the attached Form 1449.

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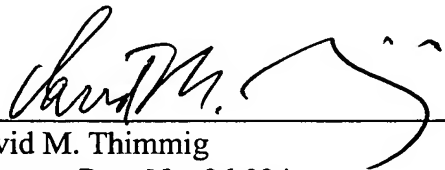
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Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed references, should the references be applied against the claims of the present application.

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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	4,779,542	10/25/88	K.E. Staten, et al.			
	5,349,789	9/27/94	G.W. Andert, et al.			
	6,014,936	1/18/2000	O.D. Rogers, et al.			

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation YES NO
DE 29 18 646 A1	12.11.80	Germany			Abstract
DE 41 20 711 C1	9.4.92	Germany			Abstract

**OTHER DOCUMENTS**

(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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